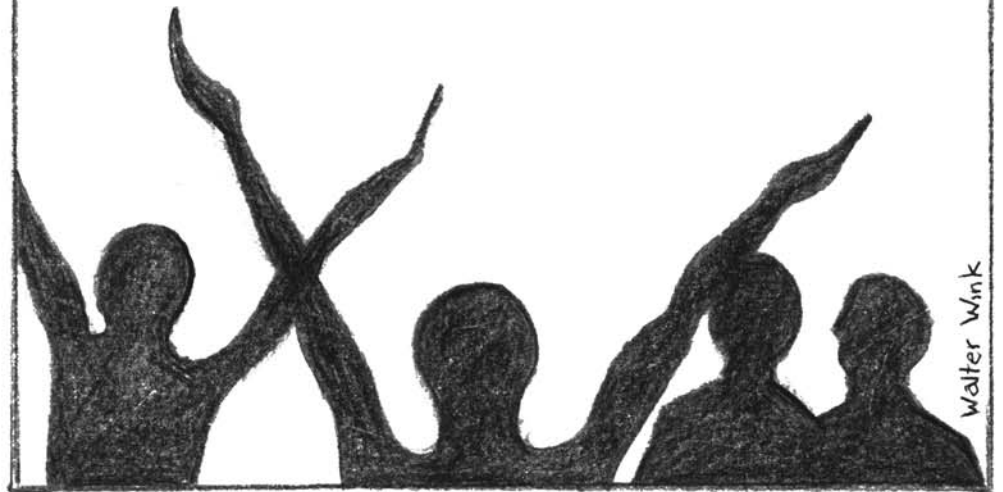


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Breaking The Law

If you dissent without breaking the law then you are legitimizing the system that allows this kind of latitude. You have to break the law to touch the state.

Philip Berrigan sj

Confronting the Killing Machine

You have a responsibility to confront the war games - the American killing machine.

Philip Berrigan sj

No Killing Allowed for the Followers of Jesus

"Put your sword back!" (Matt 26:52) These are the last words — a definitive rebuke — the disciples hear from Jesus before they run away. If ever there was a moment in God's eyes when violence would be justifiable, this is

it! But Jesus is clear: Put your sword back! His followers are not allowed to respond with violence. They are not allowed to kill. They are not allowed to harm others. They are not allowed to threaten others. They are not permitted to 'deter' violent crime with the use of violence.

Why? Because all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. Violence begets violence. Killing begets killing. Nuclear weapons beget more nuclear weapons. Death begets death. Jesus, the incarnation of the God of nonviolence, stands for life. He will not succumb to the way of violence. Although he knows that he will perish under the cross's violence, he places his hope in the God of Life and awaits the third day.

John Dear sj

Praying the Future into Being

History belongs to the intercessors, who believe and pray the future into being. If this is so, then intercession, far from being an escape from action, is a means of focusing for action and of creating action. By means of

human flesh the great affirmation of Christian faith that God is found and loved in human flesh.

Ivone Gebara & Maria Clara Bingemer

our intercessions we veritably cast fire upon the earth and trumpet the future into being.

Walter Wink

The Wood of the Cross

If you are going to be a follower of Jesus, you had better look good on wood!

Dan Berrigan sj

The Disarmed Heart

The life of "peace" is both an inner journey toward a disarmed heart and a public journey toward a disarmed world. This difficult but beautiful journey gives infinite meaning and fulfillment to life itself because our lives become a gift for the whole human race. With peace as the beginning, middle, and end of life, life makes sense.

John Dear sj

Carrying the World in our Hearts

Contemplation is a very dangerous activity. It not only brings us face to face with God. It brings us, as well, face to face with the world, face to face with the self. And

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then, of course, something must be done. Nothing stays the same once we have found the God within.... we carry the world in our hearts: the oppression of all peoples, the suffering of our friends, the burdens of our enemies, the raping of the Earth, the hunger of the starving, the joy of every laughing child.

Joan Chittester osb

Gospel Peace

The 'peace' the gospel brings is never the absence of conflict, but an ineffable divine reassurance within the heart of conflict;
a peace that surpasses understanding.

Walter Wink

Strategies

.....never adopt a strategy that you would not want your opponents to use against you!

Walter Wink

God With Us

As imperial minds plot genocide, God's messengers enter the world at risk: floating down the Nile in a reed basket (Ex 2:3), spirited out of the country on back roads

Prophetic Woman

The song of Mary is the oldest Advent hymn. It is at once the most passionate, the wildest, one might even say the most revolutionary Advent hymn ever sung. This is not the gentle, tender, dreamy Mary whom we often see in paintings; it is the passionate, surrendered, proud, enthusiastic Mary who speaks out here. This song has none of the sweet, nostalgic or even playful tones of some of our Christmas carols. It is instead a hard, strong, inexorable song about collapsing thrones and humbled lords of this world, about the power of God amid the powerlessness of humankind. These are the tones of the women prophets of the Old Testament that now come to life in Mary's mouth.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

God Found and Loved

The New Testament seeks to show that with Mary and Jesus there begins a new age for the history of humankind. A kind of qualitative leap in humankind's practice and religious consciousness takes place: the awareness that God is present in human flesh. God dwells on the human earth, has set up a tent in our midst, has fully taken on our sorrows and joys. God becomes human flesh and is discovered and loved in

The Canticle of Mary

My soul proclaims your greatness, O my God,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
For your regard has blessed me,
poor and a serving woman.

From this day all generations
will call me blessed,
for you, who are mighty,
have done great things for me;
and holy is your Name.

Your mercy is on those who fear you,
from age to age.
You have shown strength with your arm.
You have scattered the proud
in their heart's conceit.

You have put down the mighty
from their thrones,
and have lifted up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things,
and have sent the rich away empty.

You have helped your servant Israel,
remembering your mercy,
as you promised to Abraham and Sarah,
mercy to their children forever.

Luke's Gospel 1:46- 55

(Mt 2:14). Against the presence of power is pitted the
power of presence: God with us.

Ched Myers

The Dangerous Idea

The Gospel is a very dangerous idea. We have to see how
much of that dangerous idea we can perform in our own
lives. There is nothing innocuous or safe about the
Gospel. Jesus did not get crucified because he was a nice
man.

Walter Brueggemann

Peacemakers Dress

People notice peacemakers because they dress funny. We
know how the people who make war dress - in uniforms
and medals, or in computers and clipboards, or in
absoluteness, severity, greed, and cynicism. But the
peacemaker is dressed in righteousness, justice, and
faithfulness - dressed for the work that is to be done.

Walter Brueggemann

Suffering with the World

Grief is a sign that we loved something more than ourselves. . . . Grief makes us worthy to suffer with the rest of the world.

Joan Chittester osb

What the World Lacks

It is precisely women's experience of God that this world lacks. A world that does not nurture its weakest, does not know God the birthing mother. A world that does not preserve the planet, does not know God the creator. A world that does not honour the spirit of compassion, does not know God the Spirit. God the lawgiver, God the judge, God the omnipotent being have consumed Western spirituality and, in the end, shrivelled its heart.

Joan Chittester osb

Authentic Spirituality

An authentic spirituality does not cater to culture; it calls culture to accountability.

Joan Chittester osb

Terrorist Training & Sanctuary

More terrorists are given training and sanctuary in the United States than anywhere on earth. They include mass murderers, torturers, former and future tyrants and assorted international criminals. This is virtually unknown to the American public, thanks to the freest media on earth.

John Pilger

Stricken Places

During my lifetime, America has been constantly waging war against much of humanity: impoverished people mostly, in stricken places.

John Pilger

A Prophetic Imagination

Imagination is a danger, thus every totalitarian regime is frightened of the artist. It is the vocation of the prophet to keep alive the ministry of imagination to keep on conjuring and proposing alternative futures to the single one the king wants to urge as the only thinkable one.

Walter Brueggemann